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The Michiana Parrot-Graph

News From Your Phlockin' Leader

It seems impossible that we are halfway through 2007 already, but that, indeed, is where we find ourselves! The first half of our Parrot Year has been very busy, with the second half shaping up to be even busier...if that is possible. Which means...we have LOTS of opportunities for y'all to get involved in whatever way suits ya!!! Sure, we have phun, and lots of it, but we are first and foremost a service organization. So, here are some upcoming events that you will want to mark on your calendar. It benefits the club, our community, and you, to get involved with our activities...READ ON!!!

Saturday, August 4 will be our 3rd Annual Food Drive. However, this year, we decided to seriously collect food by doubling our efforts! We have contacted Martin's Supermarkets about having our drive at two of their stores on the same morning. In the past, we have always been at the Martin's on Ironwood and State Road 23, but since they are remodeling, we will be at Bittersweet/Lincolnway in Mishawaka and at Ireland/Miami in South Bend. The drive will be from 8 AM til 1 PM and will be benefiting both The Bridge in Mishawaka and the Northern Indiana Food Bank in South Bend. We will need approximately 20-25 volunteers to successfully man (and woman) both locations. Sign up by contacting me via phone at (574) 993-7251 or e-mail at www.parrotheadsinmichiana.org.

Saturday, September 15 is the Alzheimer's Walk. Every year, we try very hard to get a large number of people to collect donations and walk. Jimmy Buffett's father died of Alzheimer's, so it is a cause that is very close to the Parrot Head Nation's heart. Personally, it is close to my heart, too, as my father has Alzheimer's. I am aware of a few other members of our club whose families have been touched by this horrible disease as well. So put September 15 on your calendar and we'll get information to you very soon about how to collect donations.

Parrot Heads in Michiana is honored to have been chosen as the host club for the first ever Great Lakes Regional Club Leader's Meeting! It will be the first weekend of October (5-7) at a location yet to be announced in the Elkhart/South Bend area. The Great Lakes Region has approximately 34 Parrot Head Clubs in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Wisconsin. Even though it is for club leaders to learn new and exciting information about making their clubs more successful, it is going to take a whole bunch of us to make it run smoothly and to be sure that everyone attending feels welcome. Let's be sure to put on a great weekend for our visitors, so they want to come back to South Bend in the future to Party with a Purpose!!!

Friday, October 19 is the Empty Bowls event at the Upper Deck to benefit REAL

Services. Last year was the first year we held this event and it was incredibly successful. We hope to increase the number of attendees, and in turn, increase the amount of our donation to REAL Services senior nutrition programs. The Penn High School ceramics students started making bowls before school was out, we have a bread donation already, and we are in the process of getting a band lined up! Now, we just need soup, artwork for our silent auction, and volunteers!!!

If you see a common thread through all of this, it should be that this club is totally dependent upon YOU!!! We NEED you to help us make these events successful so we can help make our community a little better than we found it. Sure, it is also about the music, margaritas, and concerts...but, the real focus is on the PURPOSE part of "Partying with a Purpose". So, continue to pay attention to e-mails, come to meetings when you can, and... oh, yeah...read our newsletter! We try very hard to keep you up to date on events and offer many ways that you can help. Once you join us and you see what kinda crazy people we are, you'll keep coming back for more!

-Jan Caudell

Deep Thoughts

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." - Dave Barry

Stars Fell on Alabama

Back in March, our good friend and esteemed VP, Mike Bouldrey, took a road trip with our other good friend and esteemed second lady, his lovely wife Denise. They met up with Shel and Bonnie Rader of the Detroit PH Club and took an awesome road trip. Although they were mistaken for senior citizens, it sounds like they had an phantastic time. Here are some of Shel's memories of the trip:

"Did it really happen? Were we really there?"

Well, we were there and it may have happened. By now you think we are either crazy or drunk or both.

On the first Friday in March, Bonnie and I took off for Stars Fell on Alabama, first driving to South Bend to meet up with our friends, Mike and Denise, from the Parrot Heads of Michiana, changing transportation and heading south first to Nashville. Pronounced Nay-esh-veelle. Arriving Saturday afternoon, we started scoping out the downtown area where we were staying. After a short walk, we found entertainment venue after entertainment venue (bar after bar) with some of the best music of all kinds coming from each direction. Not to mention t-shirt shops, Hooters, and Hard Rock Café. Some of the more local establishments offered music by local musicians who were in between their real jobs as musicians. These guys just show up and start playing with anyone already there. On Sunday, we did the cultural thing, went to the Frist Museum to see Picasso, but after a couple of hours, found ourselves in need of some liquid refreshment, so we made our way down the hill to the first bar on Broadway we came to. Again, we heard a CW band of pick up musicians that got the crowd moving at 1:30 in the afternoon. This is a great

town! As we walked from this bar back up the hill, we found ourselves at BB King's Club, a big night club where we planned to have dinner. Not to be unsociable, we stopped in for a drink and to talk to some other turistas who just happened to be sampling the establishment's beverages.

After getting the low down, we stumbled out and back to our hotel for an afternoon nap. Night started to fall and it was time to return to BB Kings for dinner and the show. We knew that the band was the club's own band, but we didn't know who they were until the bass player started the introductions. It seems that Nashville has some history in the music industry. Who knew? The band was made up of the members from the now-deceased James Brown band and others. We were in for a real treat! The first set was very special, but more was to come. In the second set, other musicians from bands such as the Tonight Show Band and singers who just wanted to sing came from the audience to make our night better than we could have dreamed. After the third set, the bass player came up to us to thank "Detroit and South Bend" for staying for all three sets. It was really our pleasure. For the price of dinner and drinks, we had ourselves a first-class evening.

Monday morning 6 AM and we were off for the second leg of our journey to Alabama. It was cold in Nashville, and we were heading south! It didn't take long and the temp was 55 degrees, a heat wave! We planned on making it to Mobile for dinner and to visit with Mike's parents before heading on to Orange Beach, where it is said that the stars were to fall. When we got to Mobile, the temp was 75 and were were HAPPY. In a little more than 10 hours, less the appropriate stops, we left 35

degrees in Nashville and were basking in the sun in Mobile. Tuesday we did a little sightseeing in Mobile. If you haven't seen the Gulf Coast since the hurricanes, you won't believe it. Water stains 20 feet up the side of a building, and saw grass chopped off like a bad haircut.

Thursday morning: We were in Orange Beach, and it was time to help with the goody bag stuffing to the beat of A1A Jake and the Half Conch Band. I never kissed so many women I didn't know ever in my short 58 years, and Bonnie was doing a good job with the guys, so I guess I was safe! 375 Parrot Heads from all over the South, Texas, Missouri, Washington, Detroit and South Bend, as well as transplants from everywhere else mingled around the pool. A very special bunch we are, everyone is a friend with only one question: "Where Y'all From?" As so began a list of new friends.

Thursday night's party was at a bar called "Florabama", a tent city on the Alabama-Florida border. It was badly damaged by the hurricanes, but that did not stop them from putting on a great show for us. It was a little cold, but the music was great — Hanna's Reef and Mark Mireles kept us warm.

Friday began with Jim Lanier at the pool, followed by Joe Bennett. Boy! The sun was hot and that old clock was moving slow, but I managed a little sun burn and a few margaritas before we had to leave and force ourselves to go to a place called "LIVE BAIT" and listen to 2 guys ... I think their names were Greg Taylor and KD Moore and Phins from St. Louis. It was getting harder to remember ... there were a lot of empty bottles of Corona on our table and I don't know how they got there. *(Continued, page 3)*

Upcoming Events

Annual Food Drive

This year's annual food drive will be held on August 4th. We will be collecting food, toiletries and cash donations at two local Martin's Supermarkets, one of Lincolnway and Bittersweet in Mishawaka, and one on Ireland and Miami in South Bend. Both food drives will take place simultaneously, from 8am to 1pm, and we will need several volunteers at each site. The items collected at the Mishawaka site will be donated to The Bridge, and the items collected at the South Bend site will be donated to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

Great Lakes Regional Conference

Our club has been selected to host the first-ever Great Lakes Regional Meeting! It will be held during the weekend of October 5—7. Colleen Kielton has volunteered to contact local hotels and find the one that best meets our needs. The purpose of the conference is to hold workshops and share information with other clubs in the region to help us be better Parrot Heads. We are still very much in the planning stages of this event, but please stay tuned for more details. We will need many volunteers to help this event run smoothly.

Stars Fell on Alabama (cont'd from Page 2)

Saturday morning, we forced ourselves back to the pool. By the way, did I forget to tell you the weather was perfect? At 11:30 am, like lambs to the slaughter, we boarded BIGGG busses to take our somewhat tanned bodies to LULU's for lunch. Sonny Jim, John Frinzi and t-shirt shopping... what a great afternoon. As we strolled back to our BIGG busses, the couple next to use asked what group were we with, as they saw our common dress. We responded that we were the Parrot Heads and it was time for us to get back on the bus. Their response was, "Oh, that's what all those senior busses were parked there for!!!"

I was aghast. SENIOR BUSSES — Is

Alzheimer's Walk & Club Picnic

The annual Alzheimer's Walk will be held on Saturday, September 15th. If you have never participated in the Alzheimer's Walk, you are in for a treat. The walk is about three miles in length — an easy distance for most people. IT begins and ends at Potawatomi Park, and is over by about 11 am, at which time we gather for the Annual Club Picnic. You do not need to walk to attend the picnic. Last year, our picnic was sparsely attended, and weather did not cooperate, but we hung up our tarps and had a great time anyway! Join us — it's a blast!

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Empty Bowls

On Friday, October 19th, we will be hosting our second annual Empty Bowls event to benefit REAL Services senior nutrition program. Penn High School's ceramics department is donating ceramic bowls, and we have commitments from 2 local restaurants for soup donations, as well as for bread. Last year, this was a very fun and successful event, and REAL Services was very appreciative of our efforts. They are a superb organization trying to do a lot with a little. If you know of a restaurant that would be willing to donate soup, please contact Jan Caudell.

that what it has come to? Should I have beat this guy up or what? OK, yes, I have an AARP card, but he doesn't know that, and yes, my hair is receding a little, and I might fall asleep in front of the TV, but SENIOR BUSSES!!! No, I did not let this bother me at all. I went back to the hotel to take a nap before the big Saturday night party, so I could stay up late.

Saturday night, we were back at Live Bait for the big bash. The Rum Punch Bandits and an All "Stars" Band. Again, we had a great time, but I have to say that my vote goes to the Phins band as the best band of the weekend. They were fast, non-stop, and on key.

Sunday morning, 7 am, came early as

we loaded the van we came down in, said our good-byes and started back to South Bend. Our goal was to be there by 10 pm, but we were having a good time driving and pulled in at midnight. Bonnie and I have never tried to drive that far in one day, and I guess we still haven't — Mike did all but 3 hours of the whole trip.

Come Monday, Bonnie and I completed the last leg of our journey and returned home to a cold Detroit as Tuesday was a work day for both of us. We are still looking at our pictures and thinking of the wonderful time we had. We look forward to our next adventure.

-Shel Rader, Detroit PHC

College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement



Every year, fans of college football meet at the College Football Hall of Fame to honor college football's most legendary players and coaches. This year's enshrinement festivities include a Caribbean Beach Party, in which the Parrot Heads in Michiana have been invited to participate.

We will have raffle items at the party, with proceeds benefiting SOLO (Special Outdoor Leisure Opportunities), an organization sponsored by Logan Center, which provides handicapped children and adults the opportunity to participate in sports activities.

The Caribbean Beach Party will be held on Friday, July 20. Admission is \$5.00. Please contact Mike Bouldrey for tickets. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the grid-

iron at 8 am. We will need to set up our booth and games starting at 11 am. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth starting at 4 pm, and festivities begin at 5 pm. Music will be provided by the Caribbean Chillers.

This year marks the 13th enshrinement since the opening of the Hall of Fame, and will honor, among others, Emmitt Smith and Bobby Bowden. Come join your phellow Parrot Heads in celebrating these legends, the spirit of college football, and its rich tradition here in Michiana!

Yo, Ho, Ho and a Bottle of Gatorade!



Brian Sharkey (right) and Darrell Womack, the Pirates of Battell Park, pose for a photo op during a break in the action at the Sunburst Marathon. Parrot Heads dressed in full gear handed out water and Gatorade to thirsty marathoners at our two-way water station and brought smiles to many.

Word of our expertise at this task has now reached Niles, Michigan, where we have been asked to man a water station for the Niles Triathlon. They need about 6 volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Tom Majerek at (269) 845-9815 or tommajerek@aol.com.

If you have never manned a water station, be warned that this is PHUN! You do not need any athletic skill to do it, either.

A Special Thank-You

Hey, Parrot Heads,

Thanks to all who took part in the Relay for Life. Thanks to Vicky Fraling for being one of our team's survivors. Our team had five survivors, including my sister Gloria, my nephew Robert, my cousin Mary, my friend Kathy, and my phellow Parrot Head, Vicky. Our team also had a wife walking for her husband, who had to work. Her name was Kris. Kris also

brought along her three kids. We had forty luminaria, which was a lot. It looked very nice, all lit up! I still think it is a great part of Relay for Life.

Some of us spent the night in a tent. It rained early Saturday morning, but by the time Vicky, Lil, and Mary came, the sun was up in all its glory! We took our walk, and decided we will do it again next year. It will be the Parrot Heads in

Michiana M&M (Mary & Mary) team. All you guys have to do is say when you are going to walk. Our team raised \$1,020.00. Our goal is to make twice that amount next year.

Hope to see you next year at the Relay for Life!

-Mary Hatten

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	PLACE AND DETAILS	TIME
07/20/07 Friday	College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival	College Football Hall of Fame \$5.00 admission Caribbean Beach Party theme We will have raffles and membership table	Approx. 5:00 PM
7/21/2007 Saturday	Parrots of the Caribbean Buffett Night	Simeri's in South Bend On their phantastic outdoor patio	TBA
07/15/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
08/04/07 Saturday	PHiM Food Drive	Two locations - Martin's Supermarket on Bittersweet in Mishawaka and Martin's at Erskine Plaza in South Bend	8:00 AM til 1:00 AM
08/18/07 Saturday	Saugatuck Road Trip	Car caravan to beautiful Saugatuck, MI Shopping, eating, drinking, and general carousing Don Middlebrook plays at Butler Deck 6 - 8	10:00 AM til 9:00 AM Times are approximate
09/01/07 Saturday	Niles Triathlon Water Station	6 volunteers needed to work water station. Contact Tom Majerek at 269-845-9815	6:00 PM
09/07/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - location to be announced	6:00 PM
09/15/07 Saturday	Alzheimer's Walk and Club Picnic	Potawotami Park	TBA
09/16/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
10/05/07 - 10/07/07	First Annual Great Lakes Regional Meeting Hosted by the Parrot Heads in Michiana	Officers of 34 Parrot Head Clubs meeting in South Bend area <u>Details To Be Announced</u>	Times and details TBA
10/19/06 Friday	Empty Bowls Project	To benefit Real Services of St. Joseph County	TBA
10/21/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Between the Buns in Osceola	5:00 PM
Date TBA	***Third PHiM Birthday Celebration***	WE ARE THREE YEARS OLD!!!!	TBA
11/02/07 Friday	Phirst Phriday Phlocking	Happy Hour - location to be announced	6:00 PM
11/01/07 - 11/04/07	Meeting of the Minds "Barefootin' Key West"	National Parrot Heads in Paradise convention in Key West, FL http://www.phip.com/MOTM.asp	All day, every day
11/18/07 Sunday	Monthly Bizness Meeting	Hacienda at 100 Center	5:00 PM
12/16/07 Sunday **Tentative**	Monthly Bizness Meeting & <i>CHRISTMAS PARTY</i>	Details To Be Announced	5:00 PM

Parrot Heads in Michiana

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Party With a Purpose!

Opening Lines

We start the song...can you name the tune?
Nibblin' on sponge cake ...
She came down from Cincinnati...
I took off for a weekend last month...
I tried to amend my carnivorous habits...
Follow in my wake...
I went down to Captain Tony's...
The weather channel girl...
Well, you've heard about the alligators sleeping in the shade...
Hey, where did we go?
So long boss knock 'em dead, don't you worry 'bout a thing...
Bimbo Limbo is where I've been...
Sinner on the mainland, he's a sinner on the sea...
I don't know...
I never got a grip on penmanship...
Jason Mason hears the sound...
Nothing can tear you apart...

There is a tale that the island people tell...
Some folks say that I've got the perfect life...
On the corner of Government and Bay Avenue...
I'd like to be a jellyfish...
My garden is filled with papayas and mangos...
Oscar Wilde died in bed...
It was ninety miles to freedom but they took the risk...
Scales and clocks just can't be trusted...
Just a semi-normal person...
You know I was talking to my friend Desdemona the other day...
I came from the North escaping convention...
The skies over Cuba...
Drink it up, this one's for you...
Mysterious lost weekend, in a land where time stands still...
There are oceans of feelings between us...
Turn off the TV...
You can spend all your days in the grind...